

To: Interested Parties

From: Janet G. McCabe, Assistant Commissioner
Office of Air Management

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Subject: Ozone Attainment Demonstration for Lake and Porter Counties, Indiana

The Chicago ozone nonattainment area, which includes Lake and Porter Counties in Indiana, was classified as severe nonattainment in the 1990 amendments to the Clean Air Act (CAA). One of the compliance requirements mandated by Section 182 (b) of the CAA is the development of a plan demonstrating that the area would meet the federal one-hour air quality standard for the pollutant ozone by November 2007.

The elements included in the draft plan provide the technical analysis necessary to support a demonstration that the air quality in the nonattainment area will meet the ozone standard by the attainment date. The document includes the following elements:

- Rate-of-Progress plans summarizing current and anticipated state and federal emissions control measures that will reduce VOC and/or NO_x emissions in the milestone years of 2002, 2005, and 2007;
- A mobile source emissions budget for the purpose of demonstrating conformity of transportation plans with the SIP;
- Air quality modeling analysis that demonstrates improved air quality sufficient to attain the ozone standard by 2007.

In addition to the measures included in the attainment demonstration, IDEM continues to work with the public, local government, industry, and businesses to identify opportunities to further reduce emissions of ozone-causing pollutants.

We are making the draft plan available for public review and comment at this time, and welcome questions and comments from any interested parties. It is available on IDEM's website at <www.state.in.us/idem/oam/programs/lpad/index.html>. It is also available at the following locations:

Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Office of Air Management,
Indiana Government Center-North, 100 North Senate Avenue, 10th Floor- East
Wing, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Office of Air Management,
Northwest Regional Office, Gainer Bank Building, Suite 418, 504 North
Broadway, Gary, Indiana.

Crown Point Community Library, 214 South Court Street, Crown Point, Indiana.

Gary Public Library, 220 West 5th Avenue, Gary, Indiana.

Hammond Public Library, 564 State Street, Hammond, Indiana.

Hebron Public Library, Box 97, Hebron, Indiana.

Lake County Public Library, 1919 West 81st Avenue, Merrillville, Indiana.

Lowell Public Library, 1505 East Commercial, Lowell, Indiana.

Porter County Public Library, 103 Jefferson Street, Valparasio, Indiana.

Westchester Public Library, 200 West Indiana Avenue, Chesterton, Indiana.

Whiting Public Library, 1735 Oliver Street, Whiting, Indiana.

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management has scheduled a Public Hearing on the draft plan for November 15, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. (local time) at the Multipurpose Room at Ivy Tech State College NW, located at 1440 E. 35th Avenue in Gary, Indiana.

Written comments may also be submitted to the Department. Mailed comments should be received by November 21, 2000 and should be addressed to:

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